

Newtown Community Association Meeting Monday 21st September 2015 at 7.30 pm

Minutes

Present: Su Aves (Secretary,) Derek Burnside (Treasurer) James Leigh (Hut maintenance), Rory McNeile (Chair), Michael Parrott (Vice Chair & Publicity), Jackie Holdstock (Hut Bookings Manager).

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action by:</u>
1	Apologies: None	
2	Review of minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 13 th July's committee meeting and 8 th August's Open Forum were approved and signed by the chair. Rory had attended the Paris St redevelopment and traffic flow consultation; the window for comments is still open. Joan Bond will carry on as a Property Trustee until she notifies us of her retirement.	
3	Treasurer's report. Bank balance currents stands at £13,596.29 . Interim accounts are attached with these minutes. Our General Fund expenditure to date this year currently exceeds basic income by £1300, a loss offset by £900 of grant income. Some of this is due to above-average maintenance expenditure like the new notice boards and refurbished lighting, and the time of year; some major expenses like our public liability insurance have now been paid, whilst we await outstanding hut payments from some major users. We should nonetheless keep an eye of expenditure. Our gazebo needs to be replaced. Derek will order a Coleman Event Shelter, 4.5 M square, and will explore branding options.	DB
4	The Vision The Garfield Weston bid has been unsuccessful. The University have offered advice but no further major work on resubmitting a Lottery bid, and we doubt we can muster the necessary resources to do it from within this group. We may therefore be at the point of investigating 'Plan B'. We will give this further thought and consideration between now and the end of the year with a view to developing a secondary proposal that we can take into 2016.	All
5	Rhino Project ECC are kindly providing £300 to purchase our Rhino, and Su will kindly order it. We will need to provide the paints. Jacky Cox & Fiona Daughton will lead the charge on the art project and any design competition. It would be handed back in May, weather-proofed and then made part of the trail; Su will explore whether its trail location could be in Belmont Park, where it will be positioned long-term. A concrete plinth might also be provided.	SA
6	Park Path Amendments The Council are currently exploring moving and tarmac-ing the path that runs adjacent to the hut, due to 'heave' tree-root damage to the previous path. Rory will put it on the agenda for the next Forum meeting.	RM

7	Ward Boundary Changes Public consultation on the proposed boundary changes is open until the end of October. Once the changes are confirmed we will review the implications for the NCA, particularly any issues surrounding membership and constitution.	RM
8	Pride of Exeter Sue will look at the process and consider whether any of our events are worth entering.	SA
9	Exeter Community Forum Rory has attended on our behalf. ECF are seeking a fair and effective way to distribute the community sections of the CIL monies over the next few years. Consultants have been appointed to assist ECF to formulate and present a strategy to the City Council in 2016, and are embarking on a community consultation centred on five community forums located around the city.	
10	Hut Issues Our thanks to James for painting the loos and putting up the new noticeboard. Disability Access: Rory will look at the design of a temporary mini-ramp to raise the ramp level to the threshold level to lessen the danger of wheelchairs tipping.	RM
11	Police Cadets Could be used to distribute future card distribution.	
12	Events: September 13th Food festival. Sunday 13th September. Went very well, our thanks to Su for her excellent work in organising it. Halloween Café, Saturday 31st October, 5pm- 8pm. Michael to organise with Derek assisting although he's abroad on the night itself; we need to bear in mind it's the same night as the Rugby WC final. Sat 21st November: Open Forum Meeting. 10am start. Dr Neil McCloud will be talking about health in the community. Craft Fair. Sunday 29th November, 11 – 4pm. Elena Milego might not be able to run it after all; if she can't we'll consider cancellation. Winter Warmer, Sunday 13th December, 6pm-8pm. Rory McN.	MP/DB RM RM
13	Date of next committee meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 19th October, 20 Clifton Hill.	All